

## THE FUTURE OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

President Hulin Holds Confer-  
ence With Secretary Hay.

ADMINISTRATIONS ATTITUDE.

No Tender of Property Made to the United States, But the Isthmian Canal Commission Has Been Made Acquainted With the Affairs of the Company. The Administration Expected to Push Canal Legislation Upon Congress—The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, Nov. 30.—President Hulin, of the Panama Canal company, called by appointment upon Secretary Hay today and had a long talk with him touching the prospects of the Panama canal as affected by the probable legislation at the approaching congress. The Panama company has as yet made no official tender of the property to the state department. It has, however, presented to the Isthmian canal commission, of which Admiral Walker is president, a full statement of the affairs of the company, and the conditions upon which it might be willing to pass control of its property to the United States government in the event that the Panama route should be chosen. The commission will include Mr. Hulin's communication in its report, so that congress will have before it material for exercising a choice of its own between the Nicaraguan and the Panama routes.

**THE CANAL COMMISSION.**  
The canal commission is making a strenuous effort to finish its preliminary report, which, according to promise, was to be delivered to the President today. It is now said that the document will be sent to congress as an accompaniment of the President's message, and that meanwhile it will probably not be made public.

**ADMINISTRATION FAVORS LEGISLATION.**

It is evidently the intention of the administration to press canal legislation upon congress earnestly and speedily from the very beginning of the session. It is expected that before final action can be had in the senate upon the pending bill providing for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal, the executive branch of the government will have succeeded in removing certain obstacles which now lie in the course of the pending Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and if the latter convention should be ratified the administration influence will be cast in favor of the pending bill.

**SEVERAL CONFERENCES.**

There have been several conferences of late between Secretary Hay on one side and Senators Correa and Calvo, the ministers of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, respectively, and it is believed that by way of anticipating action upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the bases have already been laid for the treaties with the two Isthmian republics, which would be necessary to give effect to the canal bill and to secure for the United States the exclusive right for the canal construction.

**ROBBED THE MAIL.**

**A BOY CONFESSES TO THE CRIME.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
New York, Nov. 30.—Edmund J. Bell, aged 19, was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Alexander by Chief Postoffice Inspector King and Inspector Davis charged with having robbed the mails of \$2,000. Bell made a complete confession when arrested and later waived examination. He was held for trial. The theft was a very recent one and \$1,597 of the money was recovered. On November 24 the Eufaula National bank, Eufaula, Ala., sent a registered letter containing \$2,000 in ten, twenty and fifty dollar bills to the Western National bank, this city. The letter reached here November 27 and passed through Bell's hands. He opened it and took the money. On Wednesday night he was seen by Inspector Jacobs opening wine in a resort. It was also known that he had made very recent purchases of jewelry. This morning when Bell left the postoffice he was followed by Inspector Jacobs. He first went to a house on the west side in Harlem, where he called on a young woman, and remained there for two hours. He gave her a diamond ring worth about \$50. He was then followed home and arrested. When arrested the house was searched for the remainder of the money and \$1,597 was found in an old chest.

**TURKEY WILL PAY.**

**ARMENIAN CLAIMS REGARDED AS PRACTICALLY SETTLED.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Constantinople, Thursday, Nov. 29.—The opinion is expressed in diplomatic circles that the Armenian claims arising from the Armenian massacres may now be regarded as practically settled, as an trade providing for the building of a cruiser in the United States is officially promulgated.

The question of the consulate at Harpoot remains open, the porte persisting in its refusal to grant an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton. The moral effect, however, created by the presence of the United States battleship Kentucky at Smyrna in support of the representations of the American legation, taken in connection with the settlement of the other claims, leads the legation to hope for an early arrangement of all outstanding differences.

**NO PROPOSITION RECEIVED.**

No proposition has come to the United States government from Turkey looking to the payment of the missionary claims under the guise of an

order for a warship to be built in the United States. While it is hardly expected that any formal proposition of this kind will be forthcoming it is of course beyond the power of the state department to prevent or interfere with any arrangement that the Turkish government may enter into with American shipbuilders and individual claimants. The point is, after all, to have the claims paid and the state department officials are not very particular as to the form in which the payments are made.

**OSCAR WILDE.**

**DIED IN OBSCURE QUARTER OF PARIS.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Dublin, Nov. 30.—A dispatch to the Evening Mail from Paris says Oscar Wilde is dead. The dispatch adds that he expired in an obscure house in the Latin quarter from meningitis, and was received into the Catholic church on his death bed.

According to the Evening Mail's dispatch Wilde died today.

**AN ASSURED NAME.**

Paris, Nov. 30.—Oscar Wilde had been living in a hotel on the Rue des Beaux Arts, where he had been known for several months under the name of "Mammouth."

**HIS LAST HOURS.**

For some time he had been indisposed. In October he was obliged to submit to a serious operation, from the effects of which he never recovered. He died at 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning at the Maison Du Peirer, an obscure hotel, in the presence of Lord Alfred Douglas.

**COMMITTED SUICIDE.**

Paris, Nov. 30.—Le Paris says it is rumored that Wilde committed suicide.

## THE BRITISH ARE TIRED OF FIGHTING.

Great Financial Journal Urges  
Beginning of Peace Negotiations.

ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION.

The Statist Will Say To-day That England Is Losing in Every Way by Prolonging the War in South Africa—Military Incompetence Alleged Lord Roberts Hands Over Chief Command to Lord Kitchener, and Is Expected to Start For England at Once.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, Nov. 30.—Tomorrow the Statist will propose that the government should begin negotiations with Commandant General Botha and General Dewet to bring the war to a close. As the Boer leaders might misunderstand the motive of an overture from the military authorities it will suggest that the highest civil authority in South Africa should begin the negotiations, if not Sir Alfred Milner, then the chief justice of Cape Colony, or even Mr. Hofmeyr.

## A CONFERENCE OF REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

They Discuss Business Likely to  
Come Before Congress.

WHAT SOME WANT TO DO.

The Proposed War Revenue Tax Discussed  
Senators Think That Changes in Act Should Be Made at Present Session to Prevent Reopening of Subject at Next Session. Program With Regard to Shipping Subsidy Bill. The Nicaraguan Canal Bill May Be Displaced.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—There were a number of Republican Senators at the Capitol to-day, and they were in informal conference during the greater part of the time concerning the business likely to come before Congress during the approaching session. Among those who participated in these meetings were Senators Allison, chairman of the Committee on Finance; Frye, president pro tem of the Senate; Lodge, the leading member of the Foreign Relations Committee; Platt, of Connecticut, a member of the Finance Com-

removal of the tax on exchange transactions.

**SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILL.**

There was also considerable discussion of the shipping subsidy bill, and it was made evident that there will be a strenuous effort to have this measure made the unfinished business in place of the Spooner bill for the regulation of public administration in the Philippines. There is said to be no doubt of this, and the substitution will be attempted at the first meeting of the committee on order of business, which probably will occur Monday next after the adjournment of the senate. Senator Frye is giving his especial attention to this subject, and expresses his determination to crowd the bill as fast as possible.

All senators seen spoke of the inutilty of the Spooner bill, and said that for the present at least no effort will be made to legislate along the lines suggested by that measure. The effect of this decision will be to leave the Philippine question entirely in the hands of the President.

**NICARAGUAN CANAL BILL.**

If this program can be carried into execution the Nicaraguan canal bill will be displaced at least temporarily. The canal bill is only a special order, and could not be used to displace unfinished business except upon a vote or by general consent.

With reference to the canal bill there was manifest in the various talks some disposition to limit it to a treaty, and the suggestion was made on the part of at least one republican leader that the canal legislation of this session should be confined to an authorization to acquire a property right of way for the canal.

**OBJECTIONS TO A BILL.**

Senator Frye during the day was in consultation concerning the shipping bill with representatives from the Merchants' Association of New York, who urged that as the bill stands it will be injurious to the export trade, while representatives of the New York and Pacific Steamship company, who were also with the senator, expressed the opinion that unless full subsidies were granted to foreign-built ships they would be operated at a loss. Senator Frye said that the bill was now in its perfect shape as seemed possible to get it, and that he did not see the advisability of making any amendment. A meeting of friends of the measure will be held in this city to-morrow to consider these and other objections to the bill.

**A NOTICE RECALLED.**

Washington, Nov. 30.—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, issued notices to-day recalling the previous notice of a full-committee meeting to-morrow to consider the bill for the reduction of the war revenue. The reason that the committee will not meet to-morrow, it is stated, is because further information is desired as to the desires of the republicans in reference to this bill. Such features of the measure prepared by the republican members as have become known have aroused considerable opposition, and it is probable that a conference or caucus of the republican members will be held before a final decision is reached.

The greatest opposition that has developed comes from the brewing interests and representatives from districts where there is a great deal of beer manufactured are making serious protests against the action of the committee in not reducing the tax on beer. There are some other interests which also are making protests and Republican members of the house have telegraphed their friends on the ways and means committee that they think the proposed bill should be changed. The fact that the majority in the present house is but 16 warns the Republican members that a bill must practically be supported by the Republican membership in order to pass.

**THE ISLAND OF GUAM.**

**SUPPLIES ASKED FOR THE STARVING NATIVES.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The Navy Department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy:

"Cavite, Nov. 30, 1900.  
"Official report from Guam just received. Following men drowned 13th: Joseph Anderson, coal passer; Jacob Leroy McHaffey, apprentice, first-class; George Aubel, seaman; William Frederick Davis, fireman, first-class; Frank Swanson, coxswain. Two bodies recovered, but were unrecognizable. Governor reports danger of starvation. Asks 65,000 pounds flour, 30,000 biscuit, 1,000 sugar, 20,000 salt pork, 20,000 rice, all for destitute natives. Shall I send by our cruiser? Brutus took ample stores for the present. Newark, Guam. "REMEY."

Secretary Long has directed that the supplies be sent.

**PROTECTION ASKED.**

**AGAINST TELEPHONE, ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND POLICE-MEN.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Austin, Tex., Nov. 30.—Officers of the Southwestern Telephone and Telephone company called on the governor to-day for protection. The chief executive was asked to send troops to San Antonio to suppress rioting and keep the peace there. It is understood that the governor has promised to send State troops or a company of rangers. This appeal is the result of the riot yesterday at San Antonio between telephone, electrical workers and the police, in which two men were killed.

**Mrs. Maybrick's Case.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, Nov. 30.—The officials of the United States embassy say they have not received any instructions in regard to taking further steps for the release from Woking of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who is under sentence of imprisonment for life on conviction of poisoning her husband.

**Washington's Grand Niece Dead.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 30.—Miss Eugenia Washington, great grandniece of George Washington, one of the founders of the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and president of the Society of Founders and Patriots, died in this city this morning.

## DEATH OF COL. JAS. D. BRADY.

Passed Away at His Home in  
Petersburg Yesterday.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

An Influential Republican Politician and a Popular Official, He Possessed Many Admirable Traits of Character. A Native of Portsmouth, Where He Married Deputy Collector Charles Gee Gives an Account of the Raid in Which He, With Deputy Chapin, Was Wounded.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 30.—Colonel James D. Brady, collector of internal revenue, died at his home in this city this morning. He had been in ill health for a long time. The colonel had been unable to give his personal attention to the duties of his office for more than a year. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

The colonel leaves a widow and three single daughters and a son, Mr. Joseph P. Brady, deputy clerk of the United States district court. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

Colonel Brady's old friend, George W. Wilson, the commissioner of internal revenue, died only a few days ago. When the former was clerk of the court at Portsmouth, soon after the war, Mr. Wilson was engaged in the internal revenue department there. Mr. Wilson was from West Virginia, and when Hon. N. B. Scott was elected to the senate he was made commissioner.

**A POPULAR OFFICIAL.**

The news of Colonel Brady's death, while not unexpected, was a great shock to the people in the custom house. He was very popular with all those who served under him.

Colonel Brady was born in Portsmouth, Va., on April 2, 1842. He went to New York to reside a few years before the war. When hostilities began he enlisted as a private in the Twenty-seventh New York infantry. His war record was a splendid one. At Gettysburg, while serving on General Hancock's staff, he was painfully wounded, and when carried off the field it was thought he could not long survive. On account of this wound the colonel could never get any insurance on his life. The colonel was wounded in four other battles. Before the war ended young Brady was made colonel of his regiment. He declined a brevet brigadier generalship. When the Spanish-American war came on General Miles offered Colonel Brady a brigadier generalship, but he declined it on account of ill health.

Colonel Brady returned to Portsmouth soon after the war and resided for some time in that city, where he served as general storekeeper at the navy yard. In 1870 he was elected clerk of the court of that city. President Hayes made him collector of internal revenue. In 1870 he removed to Petersburg and during the eighties he served one term as the representative of the fourth district in congress. He was appointed collector of internal revenue by Harrison and was honored by President McKinley with the same position, which he filled at the time of his death.

Colonel Brady married Miss Margaret Campbell, of Petersburg, who with five children survive him. He leaves a sister-in-law and two nephews—Messrs. Frank and James McLaughlin, who reside in Portsmouth.

**ACTIVE IN POLITICS.**

Colonel Brady has been an active Republican politician. He has been a delegate to every national convention of his party since the war. He has served as chairman, secretary and member of the executive committee of the state Republican committee.

The colonel was a man of many admirable traits of character. Even those who did not agree with him in politics were always willing to admit that he was a man of unusual ability. He had a bright, sunny disposition and a great big heart beat within his bosom. His works of charity will be remembered by hundreds of people whom he has befriended.

Colonel Brady was a man of the highest sense of honor. When he made a promise he kept it if it was within his power to do so.

The colonel was a Catholic, and he will be missed by the church of his faith in Petersburg.

It is presumed that Captain Asa Rogers, who has conducted the office for a year, will succeed Colonel Brady. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

**THE WOUNDED COLLECTORS.**

United States Deputy Collector Charles Gee, who with Collector John H. Chapman were shot yesterday while making a raid on an illicit still in Brunswick county, arrived here this afternoon. Captain Gee says they were not shot by moonshiners as had been reported, but by revenue officers from North Carolina. His statement in regard to the shooting is that Collector Chapman, United States Marshal Bendit and himself drove to the land of Valentine, in Brunswick county, on the border line of Virginia and North Carolina, to make search for the illicit

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THE NATIONAL W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

This is the twenty-seventh annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The sessions are being held in the Lafayette Opera House, Washington, and will continue until Dec. 7.

**SENTENCED TO DEATH.**

**FOUR MEN TO HANG IN THE PHILIPPINES—FLOATED.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Manila, Nov. 30.—General MacArthur has confirmed the sentences of hanging passed upon four natives recently convicted of murder at Lingayen. The condemned were members of the "Guardians Honor," a band of assassins, whose victims were kidnapped and boiled. They will be hung December 21st.

The United States cruiser Newark, under orders to proceed to Guam to investigate the circumstances of the disaster to the United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, has not yet sailed.

The United States transport Indiana, which as announced November 17, went ashore on the east side of the Isla de Pollele, off the east coast of Luzon, was successfully floated and arrived at Binangonan Sound short of coal.

**McKinley and Henderson Confer.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 30.—The President and Speaker Henderson had an extended private conference this morning. They took a long drive together, at which, it is understood, the program for the coming session of congress was discussed. The President had driven to the station with Mrs. McKinley, who left at 10 o'clock for New York, and upon his return to the executive mansion found that Speaker Henderson was awaiting him. At the President's request the speaker entered the carriage and they drove off together. They were gone almost an hour.

**ANALYSIS OF SITUATION.**

This great financial journal will lead up to its proposal by an analysis of the situation in South Africa, and will say:

"We are losing in every way, losing in prestige and losing in trade. We are seeing our South African possessions plunged into greater and greater distress, and the opinion is gaining ground abroad that we are incapable of bringing the struggle to a satisfactory termination."

**MILITARY INCOMPETENCE.**

Military incompetence will be alleged, and the Statist will aver that military harshness should be avoided and the Boers be conciliated.

"If men like Botha and Dewet voluntarily surrender and bind themselves not to act against us in the future," the Statist will say, "is there any good reason why a promise should not be given not to send them out of the country?"

**AGAINST EXCLUDING BOERS.**

"Mr. Robinson suggests that Botha and Dewet should be invited to take seats in the legislative council that will be established. The suggestion is worthy of approval. The Boers should not be excluded, even from the beginning, from anything which can safely be given them."

**THE CHIEF COMMAND.**

London, Nov. 30.—The war office announces this evening that Lord Roberts has handed over the command of the British troops in South Africa yesterday to Lord Kitchener. It is further announced that the Queen approved Lord Kitchener's promotion to Lieutenant-General.

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mittee, and Hale, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs.

**WAR REVENUE BILL.**

Prominent in their deliberations was the contemplated amendments to the war revenue law. Senators Aldrich, Allison and Platt were together for some time on this latter subject, and had with them Representatives Payne and Daizell, of the House Committee on Ways and Means. It was stated at the close of this talk that the discussion had been on very general lines, and that as the House people had not completed their measure and the Treasury estimates had not been received, no conclusion had been reached.

**VIEW OF SENATORS.**

So far as the Senators expressed themselves their expressions were favorable to making the revision so thorough as to relieve the work entirely of the possibility of having it considered of temporary character. They expressed the opinion that whatever changes are to be made should be made at the present session in order to prevent the reopening of the subject at the next session of Congress, as they think that if the question should be entered upon at the beginning of a long session an entire revision of the tariff might be attempted. This they would avoid. They also gave some indication of their views of the changes to be made, in a general way, favoring the removal of the extra tax from articles not returning a large revenue and leaving it on the more productive articles. The tendency seemed to be against any removal of the beer or tobacco taxes and also against the